

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the expression "high-molecular-weight". This expression is the basis for the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 USC §112. While the applicant remains convinced that the expression does not render the claims indefinite, cancellation of the expression is now requested in order to reduce the issues on appeal. Accordingly, entry of this claim change is respectfully requested.

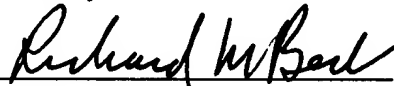
As previously argued the thermoplastic elastomer of the present invention has lasting adhesion to polyacetal. This desired property is achieved by the combination of the styrene-olefin elastomers with non-olephinic thermoplastic material. The feature of "high-molecular-weight" has no effect on the desired adhesion.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05587-00312-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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